

# division of public housing & rental assistance



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# Public Housing Capital Improvement

## *Fact Sheet*

The Public Housing Capital Improvement program is designed to protect the state's long-term investment in approximately 50,000 units of state-aided public housing. The 1993 housing bond bill included \$130 million for public housing capital improvements, which was awarded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to local housing authorities who demonstrated a serious need for funding. All funding was committed and spent over the following four years. An additional \$187 million was authorized in the 1998 housing bond bill signed on August 7, 1998, and competitive awards were made to local housing authorities in August, 1998 and again in February, 1999.

DHCD's Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance, which administers this program, has the responsibility for regulatory and administrative oversight of all state-aided public housing programs which address the needs of low-income families, elderly and persons with disabilities.

### **How it works**

Local housing authorities apply during competitive rounds for modernization funds through the Bureau of Housing Development and Construction, within DHCD. DHCD reviews applications and awards funds based on need.

### **Who is eligible**

All public housing authorities managing state-aided public housing. Funding occurs only after the passage of housing bond bills.

### **For further information**

Please contact the Bureau of Housing Development and Construction at 617-727-7130, ext. 627.

